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The SPECTATOR.

Cœlum non animum mutant qui trans mare Currunt. Hor.

Friday, June 1. 1711.

IN the Year 1688, and on the ſame Day of that Year, were born in *Cheapſide*, *London*, two Females of exquiſite Feature and Shape; the one we ſhall call *Brunetta*; the other *Phillis*. A cloſe Intimacy between their Parents made each the firſt Acquaintance the other knew in the World: They play'd, dreſſed Babies, acted Viſiting, learned to Dance and make Curteſies, together. They were inſeparable Companions in all little Entertainments their tender Years were capable of: which innocent Happineſs continued till the Beginning of their fifteenth Year, when it happened that Mrs. *Phillis* had an Head-dreſs on which became her ſo very well, that inſtead of being beheld any more with Pleaſure for their Amity to each other, the Eyes of the Neighbourhood were turned to remark them with Compariſon of their Beauty. They now no longer enjoyed the Eaſe of Mind and unbecaſing Indolence in which they were formerly happy, but all their Words and Actions were miſinterpreted by each other, and every Excellence in their Speech and Behaviour was looked upon as an Act of Emulation to ſurpaſs the other. Theſe Beginnings of Diſinclination ſoon improved into a Formality of Behaviour, a general Coldneſs, and by natural Steps into an irreconcileable Hatred.

Theſe two Rivals for the Reputation of Beauty, were in their Stature, Countenance and Mien ſo very much alike, that if you were ſpeaking of them in their Abſence, the Words in which you deſcribed the one muſt give you an Idea of the other. They were hardly diſtinguiſhable, you would think, when they were apart, tho' extremely different when together. What made their Enmity the more entertaining to all the reſt of their Sex was, that in Detraction from each other neither could fall upon Terms which did not hit her ſelf as much as her Adverſary. Their Nights grew reſtleſs with Meditation of new Dreſſes to outvie each other, and inventing new Devices to recall Admirers, who obſerved the Charms of the one rather than thoſe of the other on the laſt Meeting. Their Colours failed at each others Appearance, flushed with Pleaſure at the Report of a Diſadvantage, and their Countenances withered upon Inſtances of Applauſe. The Decencies to which Women are obliged, made theſe Virgins ſtifle their Reſentment ſo far as not to break into open Violences, while they equally ſuffered the Torments of a regulated Anger. Their Mothers, as it is uſual, engaged in the Quarrel, and ſupported the ſeveral Pretenſions of the Daughters with all that ill-choſen Sort of Expence which is common with People of plentiful Fortunes and mean Taſte. The Girls preceded their Parents like Queens of *May*, in all the gaudy Colours imaginable, on every *Sunday* to Church, and were expoſed to the Examination of the Audience for Superiority of Beauty.

During this conſtant Struggle it happened, that *Phillis* one Day at publick Prayers ſmote the Heart of a gay *Weſt-Indian*, who appeared in all the Colours which can affect an Eye that could not diſtinguiſh between being fine and tawdry. This *American* in a Summer-Iſland Suit was too ſhining and too gay to be reſiſted by *Phillis*, and too intent upon her Charms to be diverted by any of the laboured Attractions of *Brunetta*. Soon after, *Brunetta* had the Mortification to ſee her Rival diſpoſed of in a wealthy Marriage, while ſhe was only addreſſed to in a Manner that ſhewed ſhe was the Admiration of all Men but the Choice of none. *Phillis* was carried to the Habitation of her Spouſe in *Barbadoes*: *Brunetta* had the ill Nature to enquire for her by every Opportunity, and had the Misfortune to hear of her being attended by numerous Slaves, fanned into Slumbers by ſucceſſive Hands of them, and carryed from Place to Place in all the Pomp of barbarous Magnificence. *Brunetta* could not endure theſe repeated Advices, but employed all her Arts and Charms in laying Baits for any of Condition of the ſame Iſland, out of a mere Ambition to confront her once more before ſhe died. She at laſt ſucceeded in her Deſign, and was taken to Wife by a Gentleman whoſe Eſtate was contiguous to that of her Enemy's Husband. It would be endleſs to enumerate the many Occaſions on which theſe irreconcileable

ble Beauties laboured to excell each other; but in Process of Time it happened, that a Ship put into the Island consigned to a Friend of *Phillis*, who had Directions to give her the Refusal of all Goods for Apparel before *Brunetta* could be alarmed of their Arrival. He did so, and *Phillis* was dressed in few Days in a Brocade more gorgeous and costly than had ever before appeared in that Latitude. *Brunetta* languished at the Sight, and could by no Means come up to the Bravery of her Antagonist. She communicated her Anguish of Mind to a faithful Friend, who by an Interest in the Wife of *Phillis*'s Merchant, procured a Remnant of the same Silk for *Brunetta*. *Phillis* took Pains to appear in all publick Places where she was sure to meet *Brunetta*; *Brunetta* was now prepared for the Insult, and came to a publick Ball in a plain black Silk Mantua, attended by a beautiful Negro Girl in a Petticoat of the same Brocade with which *Phillis* was attired. This drew the Attention of the whole Company, upon which the unhappy *Phillis* swooned away, and was immediately conveyed to her House. As soon as she came to her self she fled from her Husband's House, went on board a Ship in the Road, and is now landed in inconsolable Despair at *Plymouth*.

POSTSCRIPT.

After the above melancholy Narration, it may perhaps be a Relief to the Reader to peruse the following Expostulation.

To Mr. SPECTATOR.

The just Remonstance of affronted That.

'THO' I deny not the Petition of Mr. *Who* 'and *Which*, yet You should not suffer them 'to be rude and to call honest People Names: 'For that bears very hard on some of those Rules 'of Decency, which You are justly famous for e-'stablishing. They may find Fault, and correct 'Speeches in the Senate and at the Bar: But let 'them try to get *themselves* so *often* and with so 'much *Eloquence* repeated in a Sentence, as a great 'Orator doth frequently introduce me.

'My Lords! (says he) with humble Submission, '*That* that I say is this: that, *That* that, that 'Gentleman has advanced, is not *That*, that he 'should have proved to your Lordships. Let 'those two questionary Petitioners try to do this 'with their *Who*'s and their *Whiches*.

'What great Advantage was I of to Mr. *Dryden* 'in his *Indian Emperour*,

'You force me still to answer You in *That*.

'to furnish out a Rhime to *Morat*? And 'what a poor Figure would Mr. *Bayes* have 'made without his *Egad and all That*? How can 'a judicious Man distinguish one thing from ano-'ther, without saying *This here*, or, *That there*? And 'how can a sober Man, without using the *Ex-'pletives* of Oaths (in which indeed the Rakes and 'Bullies have a great Advantage over others) make 'a Discourse of any tolerable Length, without '*That is*; and if he be a very grave Man indeed, 'without *That is to say*? And how instructive as 'well as entertaining are those usual Expressions in 'the Mouths of great Men, *Such things as That*, 'and *The like of That*.

'I am not against reforming the Corruptions of 'Speech You mention, and own there are proper 'Seasons for the Introduction of other Words be-'sides *That*; but I scorn as much to supply the 'Place of a *Who* or a *Which* at every Turn, as they 'are *unequal* always to fill mine: And I expect good 'Language and civil Treatment, and hope to re-'ceive it for the future: *That*, that I shall only 'add is, that I am,

Yours

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